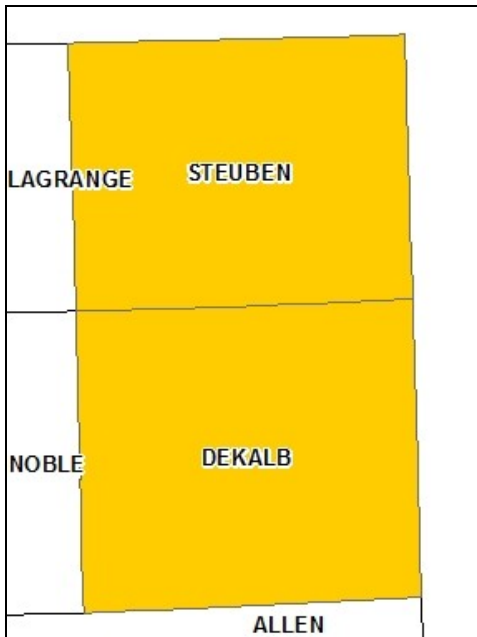




2015 Clean Water Indiana Grant Program

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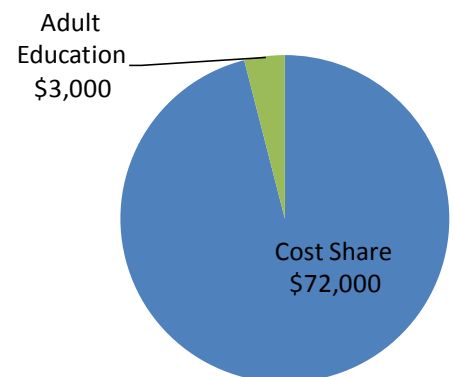


LEAD DISTRICT: DEKALB
COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: STEUBEN
PROJECT NAME: INNOVATIVE
CONSERVATION: EDUCATION,
IMPLEMENTATION, AND RESEARCH
PROJECT DATES: 5/1/2015-4/30/2017
PROJECT AMOUNT: \$75,000

Purpose: Promote adoption of conservation practices

This project seeks to promote the adoption of conservation practices that reduce sediment and nutrient loading through education, incentives and cost-share payments, and a controlled drainage water monitoring project. Districts will continue and expand partner based conservation education. Because no-till planting is the foundation of a complete conservation farming operation, this program would provide a 75% up to a maximum of \$2000 payment for converting to no-till corn. This could be used for the purchase of “planter iron” for the conversion of an existing planter or trading an existing planter for a no-till ready corn planter. To reduce nutrient loading, the program would provide a \$20 per acre incentive payment on a maximum of 100 acres for new and/or early adopting producers to experiment with Cover Crops, Gypsum Application, and Variable Rate Nutrient Application as part of their farming.

PARTNERS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE:
NRCS, AGRICULTURE RESEARCH SERVICE, WILLIAMS COUNTY SWCD, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AND DEKALB AND STEUBEN COUNTY PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICES



The Agriculture Research Service will help with monitoring nutrient loss from a controlled drainage tile system.

The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The CWI Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the CWI Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2015, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 14 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$1,020,900. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).